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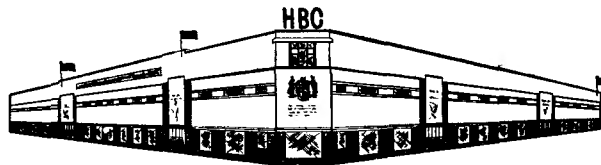
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The President of the Alumni Association of the University
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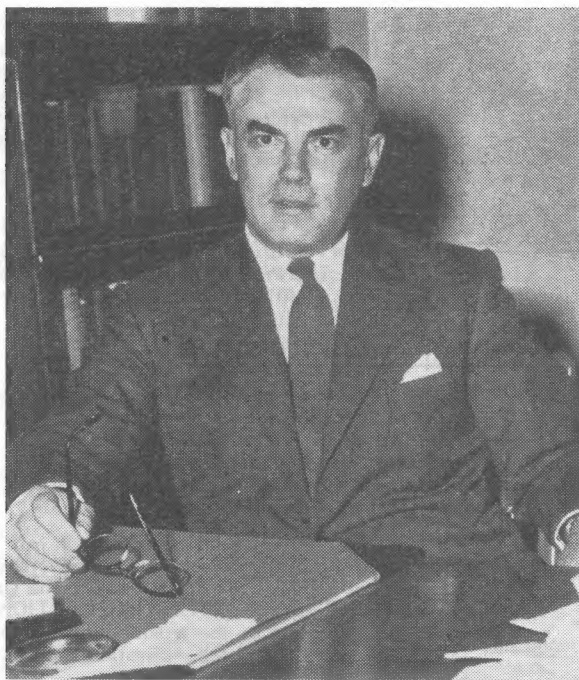
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Ranked beneath whose glowing colors
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Our memories will live forever,
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Arts and

By Dr. W.



Dean Johns

"... vast uncharted areas

Science

H. JOHNS

THE University of Alberta followed the common pattern in such matters when, on March 30, 1908, the new president and the senate decided that the first faculty of the new University should be known as the "Faculty of Arts and Sciences."

The departments to be represented by new appointments were all in the humanities—classics, English and modern languages. When classes began in September of that year Dr. William Hardy Alexander appeared as professor of classics, Luther Herbert Alexander as professor of modern languages, Dr. Edmund Kemper Broadus as professor of English, and William Muir Edwards as assistant professor of mathematics and lecturer in civil engineering.

are to be explored "

The first professor appointed, Dr. W. H. Alexander, nearly 50 years later is still active in academic life as a member of the staff of the University of California press.

In the following year Dr. William Alexander Robb Kerr replaced L. H. Alexander as professor of modern languages and remained with the University for many years as dean of the faculty of arts and science and later president of the University. Dr. John W. McEachran accepted the post of professor of philosophy and later provost of the University, holding these positions until his retirement as professor emeritus. He too is active in the work of a government committee in Alberta and still lives in Edmonton.

Early Leaders

Dr. Adolph Lehman assumed the duties of professor of chemistry, and the University Chancellor, Hon. Mr. Justice Stuart served as special lecturer in constitutional history. In those early days a professor's title was no evidence of the limitations of his duties. The president taught physics and mathematics, the professor of philosophy taught history and other staff members taught such subjects as their training, their talents, and their schedules permitted.

The faculty grew with enrolment and responsibilities in spite of the interruption of the First Great War and in 1917 moved into the arts building which still serves as the centre of its activities. After the war there began a period of growth which, by the end of the 1920's, saw over 50 full-time staff members serving in 13 departments with the schools of pharmacy, commerce, education, and household economics under its jurisdiction.

The university library had grown to contain over 32,000 volumes and the

faculty was providing instruction for a large number of students in such professional faculties as applied science, agriculture, law, and medicine.

By 1955 the faculty had experienced a second Great War and subsequent student registration which dwarfed anything it had known before. Though the registration had dropped following the graduation of the student veterans, by 1953 a fresh increase had begun to appear and the student population in the province's elementary and high schools indicated that the rate of growth would continue at an increasing pace for several years to come.

In Other Fields

In the 1954-55 session the registration in the Edmonton branch of the faculty represented only a portion of the students served by the faculty's staff. Hundreds of students in the faculties of education, engineering, and agriculture derive much of their instruction from the faculty of arts and science as do students in the schools of commerce, household economics and pharmacy.

With such a large number of students and with the growth of departments due to the increasing complexity of our society, the staff has grown substantially in recent years. In 1954 the Edmonton branch of the faculty had over 80 full-time staff members apart from the component schools of commerce and household economics, and the library on the Edmonton Campus had grown to over 135,000 volumes.

Although the teaching of undergraduates is still the main responsibility of the academic staff, they are subjected to increasing demands for instruction in the school of graduate studies and for research and other forms of service to the community involving long experience in academic fields. These burdens are wel-

comed by the staff since the research, in addition to being stimulating and interesting in itself, assures an intellectual atmosphere in which even the teaching of freshman students takes on added vitality and meaning.

In Many Forms

Research can take many forms from the immediately practical to the study of purely abstract problems. One of the difficulties which members of the faculty must face is the preservation of a proper balance between the demands of the public for tangible results and the absolute necessity of taking a long view in the furthering of knowledge for its own sake. It would be invidious to compare the importance of these two areas of study even if it were possible, but a few examples may serve to clarify the problem.

In the past academic year members of the department of political economy have been engaged in assisting in studies of taxation by the different levels of government and one member has served as the secretary of a Royal Commission on a part-time basis. The geologists have been carrying out continuing studies of the data on the petroleum-bearing formations underlying the province. Chemists of the staff have engaged in a wide variety of projects from the study of cancer-producing agents to the analysis of proteins and their behavior in various chemical reactions.

Zoology Work

The department of zoology, often working in collaboration with the provincial government carries on continual studies of the wild-life of the province leading to a better understanding of the proper procedures for conservation of fish and game. The botanists are doing the same for the protection of the vegetation on the mountain slopes and the open plains.

Both departments, in addition to providing the answers to problems of immediate practical importance, are accumulating data which will add to the total sum of knowledge of our plant and animal life and are passing this on to the students under their tutelage. This combination of values is characteristic of the whole process of University work, particularly in the faculty of arts and science.

Some of the most active research is carried on by departments where the most obvious aim is rather the expansion of knowledge than the solution of practical problems, though even here the most esoteric studies often have the most far-reaching importance. The departments of mathematics and physics fall most obviously into these categories. Their research deals with problems all the way from statistics, radiology, and meteorology to such topics as "A New Representation and Inversion Theory for the Laplace Transformation" or "Approximate Wave Function for Unbound relativistic Particles in a Coulomb Field".

Fine Arts Important

Even the humanities and the fine arts have significant contributions to make whether in the field of the linguistic patterns of Canadian English in Alberta or a new method of teaching French or the techniques of oil painting. The most important thing is that the academic staff are aware that vast uncharted areas are to be explored and are prepared to bring to their teaching and their own study a fresh mind and a zeal for inquiry.

The future growth of the faculty is not easy to predict but the direction of that growth may be forecast, in part, from the examination of the trends of the past 10 years. In that time regular courses, largely at the first year level, have been instituted in arts and science in the University's

Calgary branch. These will probably be expanded as the demand appears.

Recently, courses for credit have been offered in the evening so that adults employed during the day can improve their qualifications and even proceed towards degrees. Last year this service was extended to Lethbridge and Medicine Hat as well as Edmonton and Calgary. If competent staff can be found and the administrative problems can be solved the University may open still more centres.

4-Year Program

The faculty has been offering courses in art, music, and drama in recent years and in 1953 instituted a four-year diploma program in art. A new program has been begun in geography and additions made to the offerings in political science, psychology and other fields.

New courses have been launched in sociology, geophysics, geochemistry, busi-

ness administration, and Russian. In the future there may be further additions in such fields as anthropology, linguistics, or astrophysics. New combinations of courses and new programs of study will be offered as the need appears and the facilities can be obtained.

One of the heaviest responsibilities of the faculty of arts and science will continue to be the preservation of fundamental cultural values in the humanities, the social studies, and in pure science in the face of the pressures for the training of mere technicians. It must also face the problem of lowered intellectual standards in the high schools as higher proportions of students advance into the senior grades.

These are serious challenges and the faculty will only be able to serve the professional faculties and the people of the province to the best of its abilities if it has the support of the people in making this effort.



BURSARIES TO ENCOURAGE H.S. TEACHERS

"By way of encouraging university graduates to become teachers, especially teachers of high school subjects, the Department of Education will make available to selected candidates next September bursaries in the amount of \$400 plus payment of fees. Those obtaining the bursaries will take the regular one-year teacher training program of the Faculty of Education. Interested persons may address inquiry to the Department of Education, Edmonton."

To Receive Honorary Degrees

A distinguished graduate of the University of Alberta, and a former member of the University Senate are to be honored at Spring Convocation, Thursday, May 17th. The honorary degree of LL.D. will be conferred on alumnus Matthew Halton '29 of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, London, England, and on Fred Stapells, O.B.E., of Calgary.

Matthew Henry Halton was born at Pincher Creek, Alberta, on September 7, 1904. He graduated Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta in 1929, and the same year won a Postgraduate Overseas Memorial Scholarship offered by the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire. After studying at the University of London, he returned to Canada to join the Toronto Star newspaper. From 1932 to 1939 he was its London correspondent and travelling European correspondent, covering the Spanish Civil War in 1936.

He also reported the Russo-Finnish War of 1939-40, and the Middle East campaigns of 1941-42. From 1943 to 1945 he was senior war correspondent of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Sicily, Italy and north-western Europe; and during this period published his book "Ten Years to Alamein."

He has written many articles in magazines and other periodicals. Since 1945 he has been European correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

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Frederick Stapells, born at Toronto on May 28, 1887, received his high school education there, and after holding the post of accountant with the Sovereign Bank joined a firm of chartered accountants. He came west in 1909, farmed for a year and then, with a partner, organized the firm of General Supplies, Ltd., in Calgary. He is now President and proprietor of that business, and holds positions on the boards of Motor Car Supply Company of Canada, the Royal Trust Company, the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company and other commercial enterprises.

He has rendered outstanding public service. His chairmanship of the board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in Calgary was marked by the erection of the Institute's new building there. He was one of the first presidents of the Calgary Community Chest, and head of a special committee to raise funds for the new Y.M.C.A. building now under construction. He is a Governor of Mount Royal College, a Director of the Y.M.C.A., Regional Advisor of the Canadian Welfare Council, and a former member of the Senate of the University of Alberta.



President Stewart

Across the President's Desk



THE President's desk in recent weeks has had on it many evidences of the growth of the University and the fact that we are in a stage of particularly rapid expansion. New staff members have been provided in the budget to meet the needs of larger numbers of students and the departments such as English, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics which serve several faculties seem to need at least one new instructor every year.

Another sign of the passing of time is the need to appoint new staff members to replace those who have completed their term at the University and are retiring from active service.

Those of you who have kept track of the passing years will recall that we first opened our doors forth-eight years ago and that the year 1958 will be a Jubilee Year for the U. of A. We are already making plans for the suitable celebration of this occasion and are hoping to publish a volume of history to give some idea of the road we have travelled over the past fifty years. In tune with the times this is to be an illustrated history, so if any of the alumni have interesting pictures which they think might be appropriate, we should be pleased to have them sent to us to be carefully used and returned. We should appreciate good stories about former years as well even if you have no pictures to offer.

There are also plans of another kind in evidence these days—plans of the proposed Administration Building, the Biological wing of the Agriculture Building, and the addition to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health. Before long we hope to be seeing plans of a building for Physical Education which might even contain a sketch of a swimming pool! We hope so. Perhaps the desk might see plans for a new University Building in Calgary before another year has passed. It is a long time since the days when Athabasca Hall stood alone on the campus amid the poplar trees or stooks of wheat in the fields in front of the Arts Building.

Editor's Note: The above was prepared by Dr. Walter Johns, named vice-president of the University for 1956-57 in the absence of President Stewart who is with the Royal Commission studying Canada's economic prospects.



EFFECT OF SUCCESSION DUTIES ON DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE TO WIFE AS SOLE BENEFICIARY

Net Estate Left to Wife			Wife Bequeathed Specific Sum			
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200,000	43,200	156,800	200,000	38,900	4,300	156,800
300,000	75,600	224,400	300,000	67,300	8,300	224,400
400,000	114,000	286,000	400,000	98,300	15,700	286,000
500,000	157,000	343,000	500,000	132,000	25,000	343,000
1,000,000	382,000	618,000	1,000,000	304,000	78,000	618,000
2,000,000	911,000	1,089,000	2,000,000	665,000	246,000	1,089,000
3,000,000	1,490,000	1,510,000	3,000,000	1,043,000	447,000	1,510,000
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The amounts shown as bequests to the University of Alberta Foundation (column 6) arise as a result of setting out bequests succession duty paid by estate as against the duty paid by beneficiary from the bequest.

The University of Alberta Foundation

We had hoped Ken Madsen's article in the last issue of "The New Trail" about the University of Alberta Foundation might prompt some comment or observations. Sure enough it did. Dr. Scott Hamilton, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, wondered how the hypothetical case illustrating the effect of succession duties would apply in the case of estates in amounts other than the one cited. He was good enough to refer the matter to Professor J. D. Campbell in the Accounting Department and Mr. Campbell has prepared a most interesting table illustrating the sort of bequests which might be left to the University—without affecting the amount received by the beneficiary for estates ranging from \$75,000 to \$5,000,000. This table appears opposite.

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Another interesting development which has occurred since our last issue is the introduction of a bill in the provincial legislature to increase the total amount which the Foundation may hold by way of gifts, bequests or transfers for the payment of annuities. The bill in question increases the amount from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. We presume therefore that additional bequests of this nature are in the offing! We sincerely hope that this amendment to the Foundation Act may prompt others to take advantage of the provision which makes it possible to make bequests to the Foundation for the payment of an annuity equal to four per cent of the amount given to a person designated by the donor. The government guarantees payment of the annuity and on the death of the annuitant the residue accrues to the Foundation. What an opportunity for those able to do so to contribute to the cause and advancement of learning!



HOME COMING 1

1. Rev. W. D. Race '31 and Dr. W. S. Niewchas '31 donning their anniversary "leis".

2. A. B. Evenson '31 and J. W. N. Patrick '31 and ladies enjoying a respite outside "U of '31".

3. Margaret Lang '31 Homecoming chairman for the silver anniversary class, being suitably bedecked by Ken Macgowan.

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4. An intrepid member
of the Varsity Old
Timers, A. T. (Alf)
McLean '33, strum-
ming on the old banjo
at halftime.

5. The Major-Domo of
the Grand March—
T. V. Newlove '31,
leading off.



ANNUAL MEETING



General Alumni Council

Students' Union Building

April 28, 1956



- Alumni Branches are requested to send a representative.
- Interesting day-long agenda.
- Councillors expenses paid by association.

Stage Two

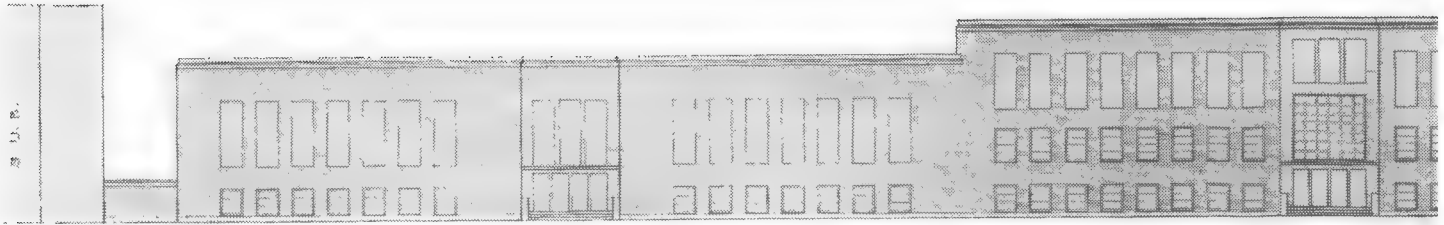
THE Board of Governors of the University has taken a definite step toward the building of new physical education facilities on the campus by approving a committee to look into the financing and construction of a three-unit structure.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Maury Van Vliet, head of the school of physical education, the committee is composed of Hugh Pearson, and R. H. C. Harrison, Board of Governor's representatives; Dr. John Dower, Friends of the University; Rodney Pike, Allan McTavish, E. Bruce Allsopp, and Tevie H. Miller, alumni representatives. Members ex-officio are: John Bracco, Students' Union president, Norman Cristall, building director appointed by the Students' Council, Dr. W. H. Johns, Vice-president of the University, J. M. Whidden, Bursar, and G. W. Sadler, Superintendent of University buildings.

At their first meeting the building committee assigned sub-committees to look into (1) sources of revenue (2) information from other western Canadian universities about similar buildings (3) the demands and needs of curricular and extra-curricular groups on the campus and (4) plans and costs.

According to chairman Van Vliet, the suggested new facilities for physical education, athletics and recreation, plans of which are illustrated in this issue, would provide the following advantages to the University and the province.

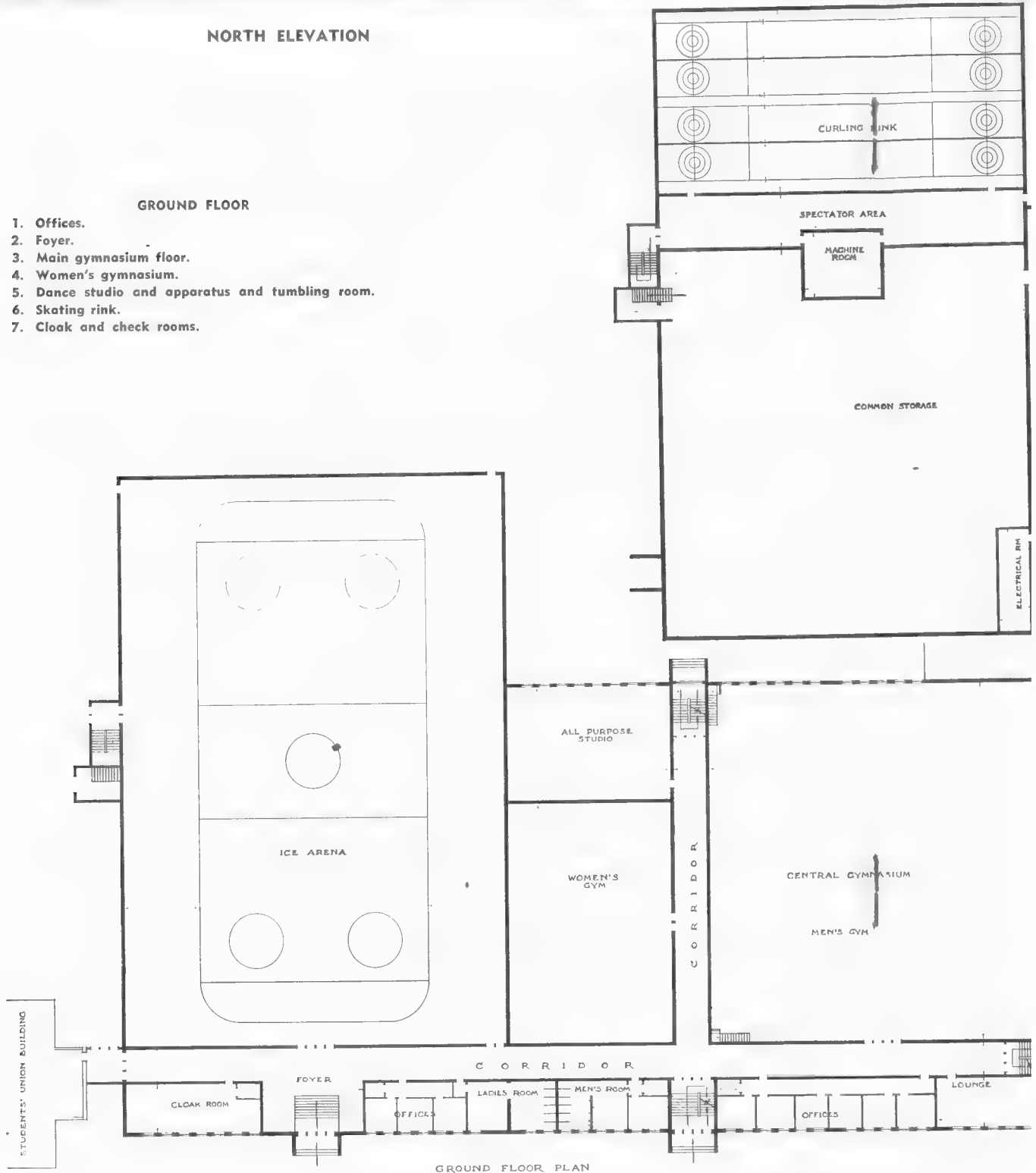
- (1) The encouragement of more wholesome forms of recreation with the provision of on-campus facilities.
- (2) Greatly enhanced university public relations by having comfortable and suitable areas for intercollegiate games, major displays, special demonstrations, etc.
- (3) Upgraded physical education phase of teacher education by as high as 300%. This could effect every child in the Province.
- (4) Provision of short courses in water-front supervision, pool management, water safety, swimming instructing, competitive swimming, etc.
- (5) Would provide an opportunity to give excellent instruction in such wide variety of subjects that Alberta would be able to give the finest physical education degree course in Canada.
- (6) Many good students would choose Alberta in preference to other universities which currently have vastly superior social and recreational facilities.
- (7) The improvement of students' recreational skills and general fitness would be immeasurable.
- (8) There is no limit to the number of people ultimately reached and actual lives saved through instruction in swimming and life saving.



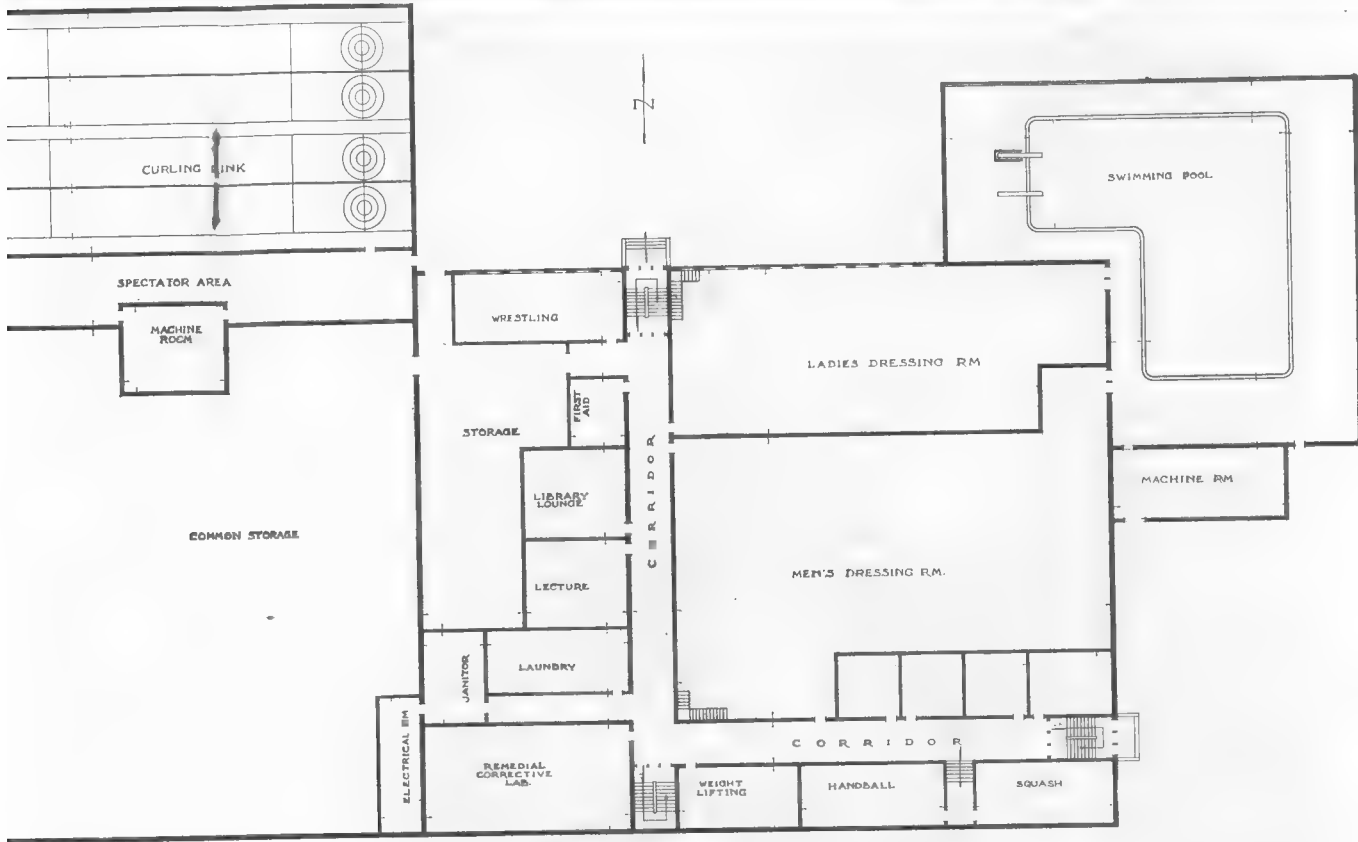
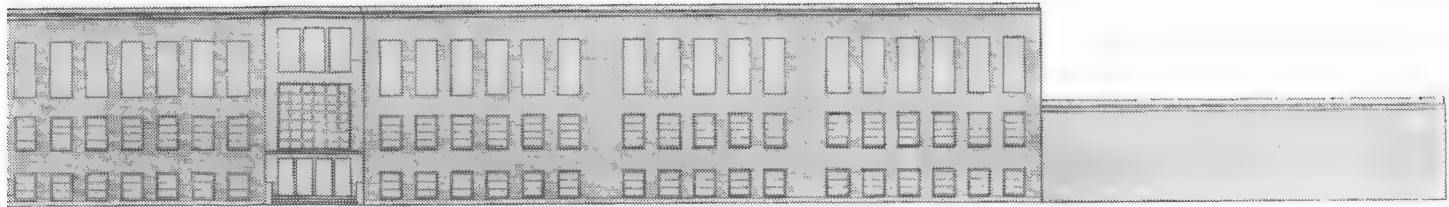
NORTH ELEVATION

GROUND FLOOR

1. Offices.
2. Foyer.
3. Main gymnasium floor.
4. Women's gymnasium.
5. Dance studio and apparatus and tumbling room.
6. Skating rink.
7. Cloak and check rooms.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT FLOOR

1. L-shaped swimming pool with ample deck for instructional purpose.
2. Dressing rooms with team rooms, showers and training room.
3. Remedial and corrective gymnasium.
4. Small lecture room.
5. Small library—lounge.
6. Wrestling room.
7. Laundry.
8. First-aid room.
9. Weight-lifting room.
10. Handball.
11. Squash.
12. Four curling sheets.
13. Large storage area.

SUGGESTED PLAN FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

The proposed new facilities are visualized as serving the following numbers:

WINTER SESSION—WEEKLY PARTICIPATION

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Number</i>
First Year Education (Instruction)	400
Physical Education Degree (Instruction)	80
First Year—All Faculties (Instruction)	1,200
Intramural Sports (Recreation)	2,000
Intercollegiate Sports (Recreation)	250
Faculty (Recreation)	200
Public (Swimming and Skating)	400
*TOTAL	4,530

*It is anticipated that these individuals would average over two periods per week in one or more activities.

SUMMER SESSION—WEEKLY PARTICIPATION

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Number</i>
Students (Instruction)	300
Students (Recreation)	1,000
Public	2,000
TOTAL	3,300

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Prompted by the government's mooted plans to eventually erect a new provincial museum on the Varsity rink site, the recent collapse of roof supports in the Drill Hall now serving as a gymnasium, and the ever present need of a swimming pool to round out the physical education program, provision in the suggested blueprints has been made for the incorporation under one roof of (1) an artificial ice surface, 195 by 85 feet with bleachers accommodating 2,500 to 3,000 people; (2) a four sheet curling rink; (3) an L-shaped 75 foot swimming pool; (4) a main gymnasium with permanent and collapsible stands accommodating 2,500 persons; (5) smaller gymnasiums to accommodate such sports as handball, badminton, wrestling, boxing, archery, etc.; (6) lecture rooms; (7) offices, and student club rooms.

The suggested building, because of its size, would be located on the west side and linked with the Students' Union Building rather than to the south of S.U.B. as earlier plans had visualized it.

U. OF A. ALUMNI STUDIO "A" PROUD NEW ACQUISITION

A new group, a new branch, a new affiliate, call it what you will—the General Alumni Association can be proud of its newest fledgling, the U. of A. Alumni Studio "A".

A group of alumni in the city with a dramatic bent banded together recently to do plays. They requested, and were cordially given permission to affiliate themselves with the General Alumni Association and to use its name.

To show their mettle they fashioned for its Canadian premiere "Mr. Arcularis" and subsequently took the play to the provincial drama festival at Medicine Hat. Walter Kaasa, president of Studio "A" and lead actor, carried off top honours in the male division.

Executive members of Studio "A" are: President, Walter Kaasa; Vice-president, Barbara Villy Cormack; Roy Lightfoot, technical director; Donald Pimm, producer; Alice Polley, secretary; O. P. Thomas, alumni executive representative.

HONOURED ON RETIREMENT



TESTIMONIAL DINNER—Roses, a mail bag filled with 300 letters from household economics graduates, a scrapbook of personal messages, and an anniversary cake with 37 candles, greeted Miss Mabel Patrick at a dinner held recently in her honour. The Edmonton Home Economics Association entertained and former students from out-of-town rallied to the farewell dinner on the eve of Miss Patrick's retirement as head of the school of household economics at the University.

In the photo above, Mrs. E. M. Bredin, Calgary, Class of '47, is pictured, left, looking at some of the messages sent Miss Patrick and Mrs. J. G. Crepeau, Prince Albert, Sask., Class of '44, is pictured right.

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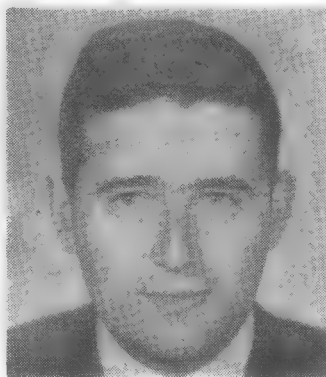
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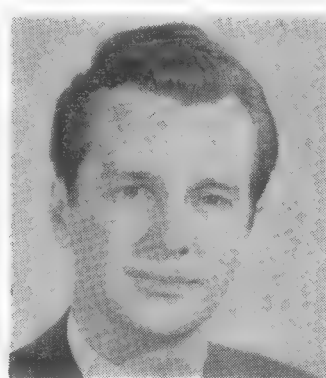
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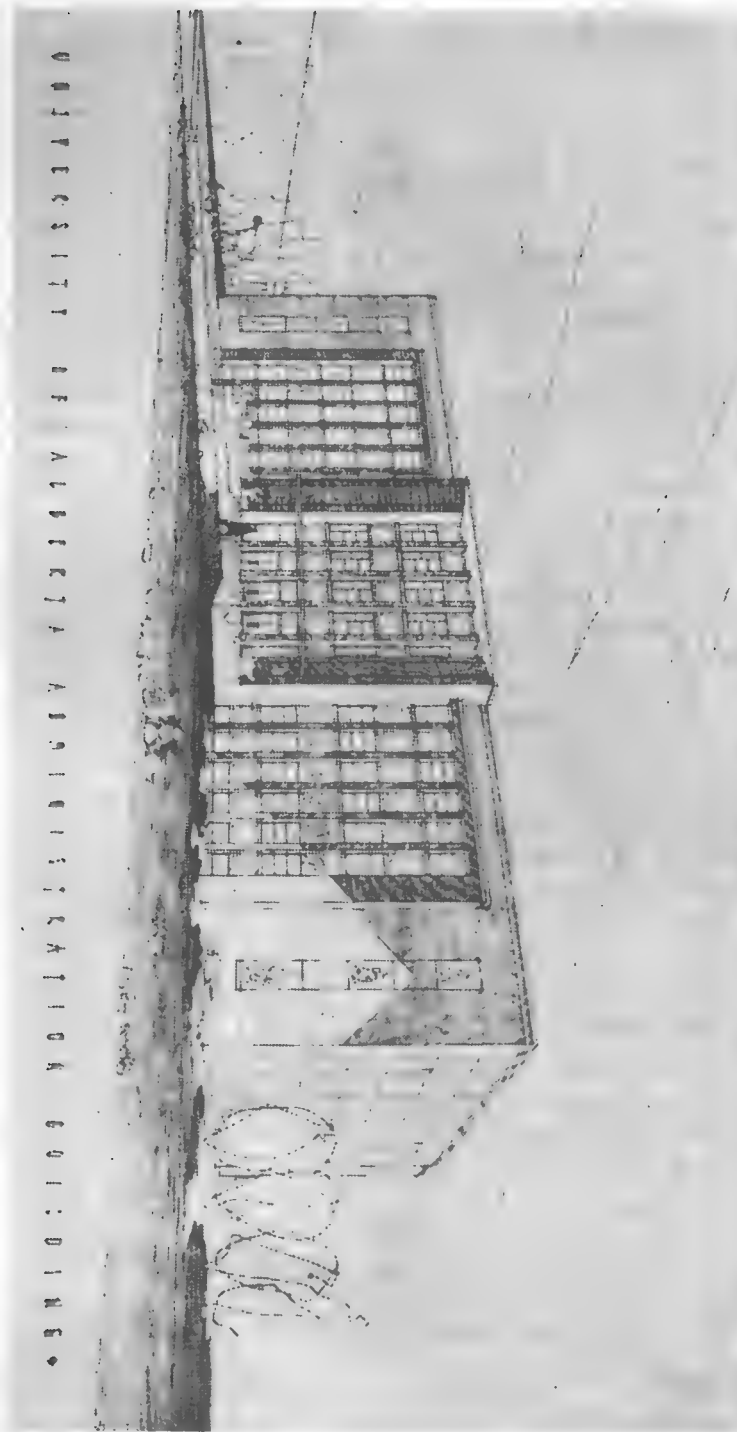
FRANK BUECKERT
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THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

AS soon as the frost has left the ground it is anticipated that construction of the new Administration Building on the campus will commence. As depicted opposite, it will be of reinforced concrete, with a net floor area of some 40,000 square feet distributed on three floors and a semi-basement. Its location, at the head of 114th St., west of the Engineering Building.

The space exceeds the present requirements of the departments to be accommodated. Until the increased size of the University makes it necessary for them to expand so as to use the whole building, part of the space will be used for classrooms, of which there will be six.

When completed, the new Administration Building will house the offices of the President, the Bursar, the Registrar, the Provost and the Dean of Women as well as the bookstore and the post office. All are presently occupying space in the Arts and Science Building. In addition, other occupants of the new building will be Student Advisory Services, and the campus office of the National Employment Service, now located in the North Laboratory.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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The Friends of the University

BY ELMER E. ROPER

Eighty new members of "The Friends of the University" were enrolled in a membership effort conducted in the autumn months. The membership contributions thus secured have added substantially to the funds available for the special services which the Friends supply to the University. But more important is the addition of eighty more persons to the growing number of those who have an intimate interest in the work and welfare of the University.

In conjunction with the canvass for members, the publicity committee of the Friends arranged a series of radio talks which were put on the air through the co-operation of all four Edmonton radio stations, CJCA, CFRN, CKUA and CHED.

Speakers taking part in the radio series were, Dr. E. P. Scarlett, Chancellor of the University who introduced the series; Ken Madsen, Chairman of the Friends' Membership committee, L. Y. Cairns, Dr. Andrew Stewart, Mayor Hawrelak of Edmonton, C. E. Gerhart, Mrs. F. W. Mills and Elmer Roper.

Through the courtesy of CFRN-TV, Ken Madsen, L. Y. Cairns and Dr. Walter Johns appeared on an interview on tele-

vision describing the purpose and work of the Friends.

The purpose of these broadcasts was two-fold: to invite interested persons to become associated with the Friends and to create greater public interest in the University itself.

Members of the Executive of the Friends are far from satisfied to have the membership confined to the fewer than three hundred who are currently enrolled. They are determined that both the membership and the activity of The Friends of the University shall be increased so that their contribution to the good of the University may be progressively enhanced.

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Professor E. D. MacPhee, Director of the School of Commerce at the University of British Columbia, was the special speaker at the annual dinner of the Friends of the University, in Athabasca Hall on Monday, March 12, 1956. An interesting and enjoyable program was arranged.

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One of the projects of the Friends for the coming fall is a visiting lectureship in which the lecturer will be a world-known figure. Details of this project will be announced later in the year.

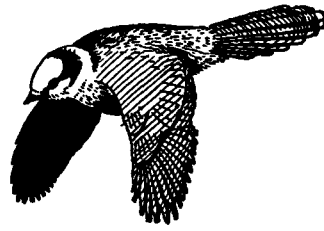
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IN MEMORIAM

Frank A. Brownie, '33 '34, one of the province's leaders in the natural gas distribution field, passed away recently in Edmonton. Mr. Brownie joined Northwestern Utilities Ltd., in Edmonton in 1935 as an assistant engineer. In 1954 he became president of the associate power company, Canadian Utilities Ltd.

Dr. Robert Leigh Hewitt, '34, working with Trico Oil Company at Bakersfield, California, at time of his death.

A medical practitioner of long standing in the city of Edmonton, **Dr. Joseph Megas**, '24, passed away recently.



Whiskeyjack . .

WHISKEYJACK IN MONTMARTRE

Maurice Utrillo est non plus . . .

Whiskeyjack heard these words over the French radio on the first Sunday morning of last November—he had been trying to get the time and had tuned in Paris-Inter for the *horloge-parlante*, the sepulchral talking clock by which Frenchmen set their watches. Whiskeyjack was sad, for not only had he long known and appreciated Utrillo's paintings, but he had a compassionate admiration for a man whose life had been marred by drunkenness and insanity, and yet who had mastered both to the extent of producing master-pieces which stand beside the best art of our time. It was right and proper that Whiskeyjack go to Utrillo's funeral, but he went partly because he wanted to see what sort of honour Utrillo had in his own Montmartre.

The day of the funeral was a rainy windy one—Whiskeyjack got off the Metro at des Abbesses, wet with rain not dressed in the snow it wears in Utrillo's *Place des Abbesses sous la neige*. Whiskeyjack had never set foot in Montmartre before. Yet the crooked hill, narrow slanting streets, huddled together buildings mostly

windows and doors, and, plunging up into the sky, the monstrous*white Moby Dick of a whale, the Basilica of the Sacré Coeur of Montmartre, were all perfectly familiar, as they must have been to anyone who has ever seen Utrillo's pictures. Whiskeyjack fancied he saw scrawled everywhere across these scenes the untidy signature of Utrillo—Maurice Utrillo V.—which art dealers once deplored because it wasn't in a neat bourgeois script.

In front of St. Pierre of Montmartre a squad of policemen, very smooth-shaven chins, were standing at ease. Black hangings with the letter "U" were being draped over the door of the church. Vast bouquets of flowers were arriving . . . fortunes in flowers . . . yellow roses flown in that morning from the South of France . . . *Toussaint* chrysanthemums . . . a great cross of red roses—gaudy honours paid to a successful painter to whom success had meant nothing, who, even when his pictures began to command thousands and even millions of francs, had remained one of *les pauvres de la paroisse*. Ushers in black ceremonial breeches sent mourners to their places or helped lackeys carry in heavy wreaths. The church filled, overflowed into the tiny churchyard and into the street beyond. Whiskeyjack wondered who all these friends of the painter could be. They were not tourists. They didn't look like artists or art-students. Yet Whiskeyjack would have supposed that every studio, gallery and art-school in Paris would have been empty that morning—that all the painters of Paris would be at Utrillo's funeral. It wasn't so. These friends of the dead painter were dressed in the drab clothes of the common people of Paris. There was not a beard or a turtle-neck sweater to be seen. The friends of the painter were just ordinary nondescript people.

As Whiskeyjack was wondering just who these people were and what Utrillo meant to them and why they were crowding the church to take part in Utrillo's requiem mass, a commotion occurred. Utrillo's body had just been brought in from the Chapel of Compassion in the Basilica of Sacré Coeur, where it had been placed. The whole church shook. It was as if a car-load of monkeys had been released as soon as mass began. The press and motion-picture camera men had arrived. They elbowed their way through the mourners, they scrambled up the walls of the church, they hung down from ledges, they fought one another for a footing in the pulpit. Their nosy poking cameras reminded Whiskeyjack of the gargoyles of Notre Dame or of the Sainte-Chapelle. They made a mockery of Utrillo's friends.

It wasn't until Whiskeyjack stood in the cemetery of Saint-Vincent, where Utrillo was buried, that Whiskeyjack felt in charity with the world again. It was then that Whiskeyjack saw the children of Montmartre climbing up the hill of graves, which is what Saint-Vincent is, to drop one by one their roses on Utrillo's remains. It was a moving scene. Utrillo could have meant little to these children but their parents must have taught them that he was one of their great men.

The unmeaning but beautiful gesture of these children made Whiskeyjack forgive the unmeaning rudeness of the press, television and motion-picture cameramen. They had had great fun at Utrillo's funeral. But they too though they didn't know it were paying homage to Utrillo. They too were friends of Utrillo though they didn't know it. They were publishing Utrillo's fame throughout the world.—G.P.



PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH HONORED—Professor F. M. Salter of the University's department of English, recently received an honorary doctor of letters degree from Chancellor Samuel Beatty at Fall convocation ceremonies held at the University of Toronto. President Sidney Smith of the U. of T. referred to Professor Salter as "soldier, stylist, scholar, teacher, enemy of the tawdry and the platitudinous, creative expositor of literature."

A member of the University staff here since 1939, Professor Salter was chosen in 1954 to give the Alexander lectures at the U. of Toronto. These lectures, on mediaeval drama in Chester, have since been published in book form.

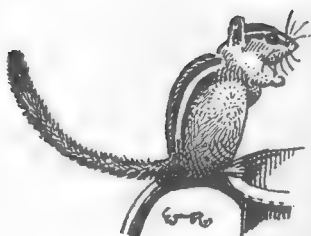
Professor Salter was educated at Dalhousie and the University of Chicago, where he received his M.A. degree. He is also a former and venerated editor of THE NEW TRAIL.

BILL PROPOSES BOOST POTENTIAL UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION

A bill to boost the total amount the University of Alberta Foundation may hold in the way of gifts, bequests and transfers for the payment of annuities was introduced recently in the Alberta legislature.

It would increase the sum to \$1,000,000 from \$250,000, and would allow the Foundation, according to the Premier, to take advantage of substantial donations which, it is indicated, will be made to the University.

Under the University of Alberta Foundation Act, which the bill proposes to amend, the Foundation may receive gifts, bequests and transfers of money for the payment on an annuity, equal to 4% of the amount received, to a person designated by the donor, testator or transferor. On that person's death the money can be used by the Foundation for educational purposes. The government guarantees payment of the annuities.



the chipmunk

There's no place on the campus anymore for **Chipmunk** when it's Alumni Homecoming time—Varsity Guest Weekend.

Last year we ventured out to see a few of the always outstanding exhibits and managed to escape the hundreds of restless feet. This year, in spite of a bitter day, 5,400 visitors packed the campus. One look at all those yellow buses and we decided to stay indoors and crack a few more acorns.

More than 3,900 visitors registered at the information booths set up in eight major buildings. An additional 1,500, at least, attended the evening sports events and performances of the Studio Theatre and Varsity Varieties.

Most of the visitors were from out of town. At one time more than 19 buses were parked on the campus. City transit buses were packed to capacity, all day, on their run to the campus, and the special free service operating between the University and the University farm didn't want for lack of patrons.

Parents and high school students from as far away as Taber, Barons, Grande Prairie and Rocky Mountain House turned up.

The Weekend, designed to familiarize people of the province with the work being done at the University, was first organized in 1952. Since then attendance figures and the scope of endeavour have grown steadily.

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At this point Chipmunk extends his most cordial salutations to his fine-feathered friend Whiskeyjack (otherwise known as **Dr. Wilfred Watson**, assistant professor of English at the University).

Dr. Watson was one of two Alberta men recently named winners of the Governor General's awards in poetry and juvenile writing. He received the poetry award for "Friday's Child", a collection of poems with varied themes. **Kerry Wood**, freelance writer from Red Deer, won the juvenile class.



Dr. Watson

Wilfred Watson was born in Kent and came as a boy to Canada, where he lived at Duncan, B.C. He learned by heart the coasts, rivers, hills, and mountains of Vancouver Island, graduated from the University of British Columbia, joined the navy and did postgraduate work at the University of Alberta in 1951. At the moment Dr. Watson is studying French drama in Paris on a scholarship presented by the federal government. He will return to the University staff this fall.

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Two prominent and widely respected members of the academic staff are retiring this year.

Miss Mabel Patrick, head of the department of household economics for 37 years, and **Dr. W. Rowan**, head of the department of zoology.

On the eve of her retirement Miss Patrick was honoured at a testimonial dinner arranged

by the Edmonton Home Economics Association. Miss Patrick has served under five University presidents and five deans of Arts and Science. During her tenure of office she has presented to Convocation 650 students for the degree of Bachelor of Science.

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Professor of Horticulture at the University since 1946, **Dr. Robert J. Hilton**, has been appointed head of the horticulture department at the Ontario Horticulture College in Guelph. Dr. Hilton, noted for his work in the development of domestic and native fruit plants, will leave in June.

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Extra-curricular activities on the campus (music, art, drama) have been, in **Chipmunk's** humble opinion, of an especially fine calibre this term.

The annual Christmas Concert in Convocation Hall was exceedingly well received. What we had was a blend of students from the Music Division, along with the Mixed Chorus, the University Singers, and the University Symphony

Orchestra. To give you some idea of the scope of the ambitious works presented, we would list the major program highlights: Excerpts from the "Mass in B Minor" by Bach sung by the Mixed Chorus; "Choral of the Advent", performed by the University Singers; "The Twelve Days of Xmas" rendered by the women of the music division; and "Ballet Egyptian" played by the University Symphony orchestra.

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The formal concerts of the University Mixed Chorus presented in February in Convocation Hall reached a zenith in popularity and perfection this year. Jammed houses on the three nights gave testimony to the excellence of presentation that always distinguishes this remarkable group.

Probably the best medium that the University possesses for good group public relations, the Chorus, following its Edmonton concerts, travelled by bus to Tofield, Wetaskiwin and Camrose on successive nights. The Chorus year was officially closed, that is until Spring tour time, with a final concert in Edmonton's new First Baptist Church.



U. OF A. ALUMNI STUDIO "A"—The six board members of the newly-formed University of Alberta Alumni Studio "A" drama group met recently to discuss the Canadian premiere production of "Mr. Arcularis" presented in January.

Left to right, seated, are: Mrs. Alice Polley '50, secretary; Walter Kaasa '51, president; Barbara Villy Cormack '24, vice-president; standing, Gordon Peacock '50, adviser; Donald Pimm '53, producer; Roy Lightfoot '53, technical director.

» » Alumni Notes « «

1912

Another honour has been bestowed upon a member of the first graduating class of the University, **Dr. L. Y. Cairns**, prominent Edmonton barrister, who was recently named vice-consul for Finland, Alberta.

1922

We are indebted to Dr. O. J. Walker of the School of graduate studies for a bit of news concerning **Arthur G. Scroggie** (B.Sc. Honors Chemistry '22) presently with the Du Pont people in Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Scroggie will receive the Harold DeWitt Smith Memorial Medal of the ASTM Committee D-13 on textile materials. The medal is awarded periodically for outstanding achievement in research on fibres and their utilization.

Twenty Alberta lawyers including six from Edmonton received the title of Queen's Counsel in the New Year's list for 1956. To a man, the

six Edmonton designates are graduates of the University: **P. A. Miskew '22, F. P. Layton '37, M. E. Manning '30, J. M. Lazarenko '34, W. J. Beaumont '38, and K. A. McKenzie '39.**

1925

Weighing fine points of the law and a couple of pounds of peaches are all in a day's work to **Ethel Fagan** who runs her family's one-hundred-year-old fruit farm and a law office too. A descendant of an early Hamilton family, her great-grandmother's home was actually located on the battlefield of Stoney Creek. Through the years the land has gradually been sold, but Miss Fagan still farms ten acres with the help of one hired man. On market days—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday—she gets up before dawn, loads up her half-ton truck and is behind her stall in Hamilton's famous outdoor market by six. At nine she changes her smock

One thing that **Chipmunk** can always be sure of is that the Studio Theatre may be counted on to come up with a fine season of plays.

If my memory doesn't fail we told you a little something elsewhere in this issue about the University of Alberta Alumni Studio "A" production of "Mr. Arcularis" and how well it was received on the campus and at Medicine Hat in the regional drama festival.

Studio Theatre's first production of the season, George Bernard Shaw's comedy "Caesar and Cleopatra", with the largest student cast assembled for one production, also proved a favourite with the audiences.

Thurber's "The Male Animal" was most appropriate and a highlight of Varsity Guest Weekend activities.

Graduates of the University are playing a big part in Studio Theatre's fifth and final production that we are currently awaiting, Sidney Kingsley's "Detective Story".

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In this issue **Chipmunk** would like to conclude with a look into the future.

As forecasted by **Dr. Norman A. MacKenzie**, president of the University of British Columbia, registrations at Canadian Universities are expected to double by 1965. A speaker on the campus recently, Dr. MacKenzie in discussing the problems of Universities, said they were mainly adequate accommodation, a well-trained staff, necessary equipment and facilities for a greatly increased student body, and financing.

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And here's a cheery note for all you new Alumni!

The Canadian University graduate—class of '56—has more jobs to choose from than his predecessors had, and his pockets will jingle accordingly.

J. K. Bradford, director of the University of Toronto placement service, estimates that the current crop of University graduates will start work with eight per cent more pay this year than those in 1955. As in recent years there is a great demand for all professions.

for a business suit, turns the stall over to an assistant and becomes Ethel Fagan, LL.B. "Some of the other market people think a lawyer has no business running a stall," says Ethel Fagan, "But I say as long as it's honest it doesn't matter whether you work with your hands or your head."

Miss Fagan decided to become a lawyer twenty-five years ago and she was the first woman to graduate in law from the University of Alberta.

1927

We note with pride that three city educationalists and graduates of the University have recently been appointed to fill administrative and supervisory positions with the Edmonton Public School Board. **George R. Conquest**, on leave from the Board to teach children of military personnel in Europe was appointed assistant-superintendent of secondary education. He will return from Europe in June and commence his new duties in September. The present acting director of secondary education and guidance, **Melvin J. Downey '28**, was appointed to the new position of director of personnel and research.

David Cooney '45, present principal of Hazeldean School, was appointed supervisor of elementary education for division 2, which includes grades four, five and six.

1929

Members of the association of Professional Engineers of Alberta and the Edmonton branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada held a joint dinner recently and a number of the prominent visitors were graduates of the University of Alberta. Among those who posed for a picture were: **J. F. McDougall '30**, **J. G. Dale '34**, and **T. D. Stanley '29**.

1932



Dr. E. Mueller, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, was recently notified that he has been elected a Corresponding Member of the International Institute of Arts and Letters which comprises an academy of educationalists, creative artists, writers, dramatists, and cultural historians. Our congratulations to Dr. Mueller, who has been a member of the academic staff here since 1932.

1933

What with all the people that did attend the Alumni Homecoming Ball this year, there were a few from a distance who couldn't. One of these was **Mrs. Stella M. McArthur (nee Weston)**. Mrs. McArthur is resident in Calgary, and she tells us that since her husband's death two years ago she has returned to teaching.

1936

Just the other day, we received a neatly prepared brochure telling us about the projected laying of the corner-stone of the Murray Memorial Library at the University of Saskatchewan. None other than **D. C. Appelt**, librarian was the originator of this thoughtful gesture. As he says "the move to the new building will probably not be made until after summer school. The Library represents the culmination of years of planning, six years directly leading to this building on my part, and much besides by others."

1937

Indian princess, lawyer, farmer, legal advisor, social worker—this formidable list of occupations belongs to one slim, attractive graduate of the University, **Mrs. Ruth Gorman**. Mrs. Gorman has been legal advisor to the Alberta Indian Association for 6 years, lawyer for 16 years, farmer for several and mother for 14. When she was 16, the Stoney Indians made Mrs. Gorman an Indian princess at Banff Indian Days giving her the name of Mountain White Eagle Girl. She became the first president of the Calgary Rehabilitation Society and among her many other activities she is associated with the National Committee on Human Rights. She is a farmer too, having 2½ sections of land near Vulcan.

1938

The president of the Medical Alumni Association, **Dr. L. O. Bradley**, Administrator of the Calgary General Hospital, is soon to leave for Manitoba where he will become administrator of the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Dr. Bradley was formerly assistant to the superintendent of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, and was appointed associate professor of hospital administration at the University of Toronto in 1947. Before coming to Calgary, he was executive secretary of the Canadian Hospital Council.



A. T. Elder, assistant professor of English at the University received his Ph.D. at a recent University of Toronto convocation. A former teacher in the province, Dr. Elder completed his graduate studies in the East. His thesis was entitled "Uneducated Poets" and is an introductory study of certain peasant and artisan poets who gained popularity during the latter part of the 18th and the early 19th century.

1939

Canadian poets submitted 628 entries in the Alberta Poetry contest this year and one of the judges of the competition was **Professor Aylmer Ryan**. The majority of poems submitted came from Alberta authors, and first prize winner in the sonnet class was Hazel Firth Goddard of Dartmouth.

1943

We were very pleased to receive a chatty note recently from **Kenneth G. Smith** who is now resident at Linthicum Heights, Maryland. He says that he has been very busy with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Baltimore and "on the family side" has just had a third daughter, Diane, another sister for Wendy and Pamela.

The pennies, nickels and dimes collected by more than 1,300,000 Junior Red Cross members in schools across Canada, has been largely spent in Canada's Self-Help program in Korea where Canada is setting an example to the rest of the world. So says **Miss Kathleen Herman**, national Junior Red Cross organizer who was visiting Edmonton recently.

1944



Paul L. Kartzke, Vice-President, Shell Oil Company, recently announced the appointment of **Ian D. Crawford**, to the position of administrative assistant. While on the Alberta campus, Mr. Crawford was active in the Science Club, Philosophical Society, the Economics Club, The Mining and Geological Society and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Prior to his new appointment he was a geologist on the

Area Exploration Staff and is a member of the Alberta Society of Petroleum Geologists and the Association of Professional Engineers of Alberta.

1947

We had a surprise visitor from the East not so long ago, **Dr. Douglas Bains**, head of the hydraulics laboratory of the National Research Council in Ottawa. The main reason for his stay of short duration was to describe to the young engineers on the campus the mechanical engineering division of which he is a part. After considerable probing, we discovered that Dr. Bain had married a graduate of the University of Iowa and they now have a family of three children, the oldest being 3 years. According to Douglas the Department in Ottawa is full of Albertans—"people of the graduate fraternity like Jim Feir '50 and Harry Stevenson '44."

One of the highlights on the campus annually is the Students' Mock Parliament sponsored by the Political Science Club. This year the **Honorable Russell Patrick**, provincial minister of economic affairs, acted as Lieutenant-Governor, reading the speech from the Throne prepared by the student prime minister. As announced by the Political Science Club this particular Mock Parliament had "the prettiest pages of any legislature in Canada". The 6 candidates for Engineers' queen.

With the introduction of new courses and an anticipated increase in student numbers, a number of new appointments were made to the University staff again this year. Several of them were graduates of the University of Alberta: **Dr. R. S. McArthur '47**, **Miss Ethel King '49**, **Stephen Mendryk '53**.

"McGill" is the better for several Alberta graduates on its staff, and others doing post-graduate work.

Included in the former category are **Mr. and Mrs. Don Armstrong** (nee Muriel Buchanan). Letting us in on their perambulations, Muriel had this to say by letter, "We have been in Montreal since Don's graduation in 1950, except for one year spent in England . . . Don completed his Ph.D. in Economics in 1954, and I received my M.A. in the same field at the same time! that gave us the fun of convocating as a husband-wife team . . . Don is now an assistant-professor in McGill's School of Commerce . . . also a research economist for the Newfoundland Royal Commission on the Re-

vision of Financial Terms, and I am classed (officially) as his research assistant—a very nice arrangement which permits us to work and travel together, particularly during the summer—still as a husband-wife team.”

1949

We were delighted that **Mrs. Richard G. Reid (nee Shirley MacDonald)** sat down and dropped us a line prior to the Alumni Homecoming Ball, because now we are reminded that husband Dick graduated in Chemical Engineering and is employed in the oil capital as assistant technical superintendent at the Imperial Oil Refinery east of town. Shirley and Dick have 3 children, ranging from 8 years to 10 months.

One of the better known chartered accountancy offices in Edmonton has announced the admission to partnership of **Stanley A. Long** who took his “Commerce” at Alberta. The name of the firm is Nash and Nash.

1950

Frederick W. Dalby, an honors graduate in Physics has received his doctor of philosophy degree from Ohio State University. At present, he is engaged in post-graduate work with the National Research Council in Ottawa.

A five-year Macy Fellowship for research at Washington University, St. Louis, has been awarded to **Dr. Harold W. Payne**, who has been doing research in surgery in St. Louis since leaving Alberta. The Macy Fellowship provides for research in obstetrics and gynecology.

1951

Mrs. Helen Parker started an interesting note to use recently by saying that she and her hubby were enjoying living in Yellowknife “where people had been very friendly and we find a number of Alberta graduates”. Business-wise **John Parker** is employed as managing

engineer for a consulting mining engineer in Yellowknife and has been in the North since leaving University in 1951.

1952

Word comes from the eastern seaboard that **N. Shymko** is serving as a Commissioned Officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery with Headquarters, Eastern Command, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

1954

While we are on the subject of the army, it was interesting to learn that **Lieutenant George W. Small** served with the First Brigade in Germany during the past summer. A graduate in psychology, he is now on transport work. Somehow we fail to get the connection.

1955

Lucky timing brought three Edmonton music lovers, two of them graduates of the University of Alberta, to Salzburg just in time recently for the 200 birthday anniversary of the Austrian composer, W. A. Mozart. They were **Allan Lister** and **Walter White**. According to a letter written home Allan and Walter were standing on the Mozartplatz looking at the composer's statue when a passer-by informed them that the anniversary parade was about to begin. In a few minutes, the parade came by including the Prime Minister of Austria, the Mayor of Salzburg and other European dignitaries. Special concerts were being held and souvenir and book stores were concentrating on the occasion.

The Post-Graduate War Memorial Scholarship (Overseas) valued at \$2,000 for one year, and sponsored by the I.O.D.E., had been awarded to **Ian W. Adam**, taking the honors course in English in the graduate school. Nine of these scholarships are given in Canada and it is Mr. Adams intention to attend London University.

GRADUATES APPOINTED TO OVERSEAS N.F.C.U.S. POSTS

Two U. of A. graduates, Brian Evans '54, and Jim Redmond '53, have been appointed Overseas Commissioners in the expanded international program of N.F.C.U.S. (National Federation of Canadian University Students).

Working with the international affairs chairman and the president, they will represent N.F.C.U.S. at international conferences and seminars.

Brian, a graduate in history, is now studying at the University of London. Jim, a graduate in law, is pursuing his studies at Oxford.

NEWS . . . from the branches

Since the Fall edition of *The New Trail* just about every one of the 20 branches that we have across Canada can report a spot of more than ordinary activity. As a matter of fact the executive secretary has been doing a spot of "globe-trotting" in the interim too.

Just a month or so ago we had the opportunity of attending our first American Alumni Council meeting in Seattle. Alumni secretaries from the three western provinces and the north-western states met on the spacious University of Washington campus for two days, and all benefitted substantially from the informative discussions about "What to do about alumni?"

Enroute we arranged to meet with the Vancouver and Victoria branch executives. A room in the Georgia was the scene of our Vancouver meeting and it was pleasant to make the acquaintance of vice-president, Dr. J. O'Donnell '39, secretary, Margaret Simpson '37, and committee-man Bob Scott '34. In Victoria, after a splendid passage on the Princess line, we were entertained most graciously by Mr. and Mrs. ('40) Jack Syme. There was a goodly turnout and after the brief business session we were able to take them back to the campus through the medium of the all-colour University movie and coloured slides.

They were telling me that I was just about two weeks too early to see the Island at its best. The part that I saw under the tutelage of ardent alumnus Burns Scott certainly didn't seem to need any improving.

Prior to my meeting with alumni in Victoria, they had arranged a luncheon in November with President Andrew Stewart. This was a very happy and successful arrangement, and the latest communique from secretary Betty Putnam records that the next meeting of this very active group is to be held at the home of Mr. Ed St. Jorre '46.

Calgary

Something very special happened in alumni circles in Calgary over the Christmas recess—the onetime very popular Calgary Alumni Ball

was rejuvenated at the Palliser Hotel under the direction of Bruce Burgess '48, and his willing corps of workers. There was no question about it being a successful comeback, and it was like old times again in the Palliser Room. Something that everybody enjoyed was being able to meet with Reg Lister again and swap reminiscences. Other special guests included President and Mrs. Andrew Stewart, Alumni President '36 and Mrs. '35 Rodney Pike, and yours truly.

Our congratulations to Bruce, Joan Brunton '51 and others who staked a lot in time and effort—and won.

Winnipeg

We can partially thank the Gordon Commission for making our University president, Dr. Andrew Stewart, so readily available for meetings with groups of alumni. One day in November in the windy city Dr. Stewart sat down to lunch at the Fort Garry with a half dozen or so of our graduate family.

Ottawa

Something a little more formal was a visit that the Capital city alumni had with President Stewart in March. Subsequently we heard from new president Bruce Powe '49, who exclaims that he "wuz railroaded" into office.

According to the *Ottawa Journal* there were more than sixty graduates in attendance at the University Club. This, according to Bruce, is indicative of the type of turnout that they have had at all their functions this year—never less than 50 people. A great feather in your cap Ottawa . . . back in 1951 when yours truly was the prexy we had trouble getting enough to fill the "squares" at Standish Hall.

We'd like our readers to know the names of the members of this outstanding executive: President, Bruce Powe; Vice-President, J. Grant Armstrong '35; Secretary, Miss Nancy Pascoe '47; Treasurer, Mrs. Edweena Mair '30.

In January Senator Cameron '30 was a most entertaining and informative quest speaker and everybody was most enthused about his interpretation of "Adult Education".

Nurses' Alumnae

This year the resident alumni executive of the General Alumni Association has been fortunate in having as its Nurses' representative, Mrs. June Cox '45.

At a moment's notice and with real enthusiasm June can double as trouble-shooter, Homecoming publicity chairman, radio artist, or whip up a story or two about her pet alumnae for The New Trail.

We have her account this issue re activities and learn that in January "a reception for Miss Helen McArthur '34 was held in the main lounge of the Nurses' residence under the auspices of the University Hospital Nursing Office staff and the Nurses Alumnae Association. Miss Jeannie Clark '41, director of nursing and Mrs. C. F. Macklam, Alumnae president, received with the guest of honour. Miss McArthur had just returned from Korea where she acted as advisor for the League of Red Cross Societies.

We are sorry to report that another of our prominent alumnae Miss Agnes MacLeod '27 recently had the misfortune to fracture two vertebrae . . . and the annual University of Alberta Hospital alumnae banquet for the graduating class is to be held on April 25th at the Corona Hotel."

The new executive: President, Mrs. J. Edwards '39; Vice-President, Edythe Markstad '43; Secretary, Mrs. J. Hole '55; Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Fowler '40.

Toronto

We want to go on record as especially thanking Charlie Stauffer '38 and Jack Jorgens '45 for the voluminous and interesting accounts that they sent to our office of the meeting held recently with President Andrew Stewart at the Granite Club. Charlie is the outgoing president and Jack is obviously taking over the reins in a most capable fashion.

There were eighteen present and while we haven't the space to record everything that Charlie had to say about what was said, it was apparent that almost the complete state of the University was given an interesting review by Dr. Stewart. Those present included: Helen

McArthur (recently returned from Korea); Barbara McLaren '30, Stan Edwards '42, Professor and Mrs. Elliott, Jack '32 and Dorothy '33 Tuck, Fred '38 and Jessie Heath '38, Jack Jorgens, Doug and Bernice '44 Robertson, Peter and Stevie Jachimec, Bob '46 and Pat McKenzie and Isabel '32 and Charlie Stauffer '38.

"Meds"

The whole association has "caught fire" this year over a splendid new project which has captured the interest and enthusiasm of the entire membership.

It appears that young doctors find the financial going tough in their second year of post-graduate internship. Many of them stop at the end of the first year for that reason, and its unfortunate.

To help, the Medical Alumni Association recently turned over \$1,200 of its funds to a special Loan Fund that they will make available this year in amounts up to \$600 to assist doctors in the difficult second year.

The Fund is to be administered by the University of Alberta and selections will be made by a committee of doctors representing each of the six largest hospitals in Alberta.

Montreal

To round out the branch news accounts for this issue we have an interesting resumé submitted by Jack Randle '47 of a meeting held in February with President Andrew Stewart.

Thirty-two people sat down to lunch and flanking the President were: Professor Caruthers '33, department of classics, McGill; G. R. Stevens '14; Jack Sylvester '38 (chairman of Montreal alumni branch); Jack McAllister '24, and Jack Randle '47.

Jack goes on to say that "the branch is co-operating with alumni from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in sponsoring a Western Universities Ball in the month of March . . . this was scheduled earlier but the worse-than-usual driving conditions caused by last weeks blizzard forced postponement . . . this will be the third annual ball in Montreal and we are hoping to emulate the Toronto group in this respect."

Good luck!!

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